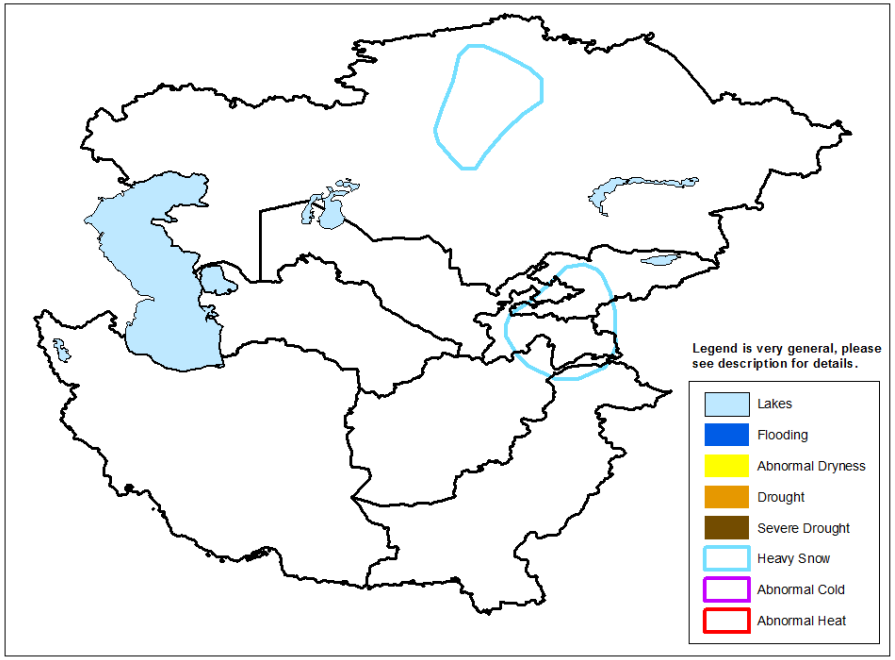
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
November 5 – 11, 2015

Temperatures:

During late October, normal to slightly above-normal temperatures were observed across Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and much of Afghanistan. Positive anomalies ranged mostly between 1 and 3 degrees Celsius. Minimum temperature averaged between 0 and -5 degrees Celsius throughout Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, northern Uzbekistan, parts of Turkmenistan, and northeastern Afghanistan. However, minimum temperature reached as low as -15 degrees Celsius over central Kazakhstan. During the next week, normal to above-normal temperatures are forecast to continue over Central Asia, with minimum temperature exceeding -10 degrees Celsius in northern Kazakhstan and the elevated terrains of Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, light to locally moderate precipitation fell over northern Kazakhstan and the central and northeastern portions of Afghanistan. Precipitation anomalies over the past thirty days have indicated normal to wetter than normal conditions across much of Central Asia, except northwestern Kazakhstan, where small precipitation deficits have been observed. During the next week, wet weather is forecast to continue over Central Asia, with heavy (> 25 mm liquid equivalent) snowfall in northern Kazakhstan and the higher terrains of northeastern Afghanistan, northern Pakistan, and Tajikistan. Widespread light precipitation is expected across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and central Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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